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FULL BOARD MINUTES

DATE: February 18, 2010

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 25 Carmine Street, Father Demo Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Ashkinazy, Keen Berger, Tobi Bergman, Carter Booth, Sigrid Burton, Maria Passannante Derr, Doris Diether, Ian Dutton, Sheelah Feinberg, Elizabeth Gilmore, Alison Greenberg, Sasha Greene, David Gruber, Jo Hamilton, Chair, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.), Anne Hearn, Brad Hoylman, Zella Jones, Renee Kaufman, Susan Kent, Evan Lederman, Jason Mansfield, Jane McCarthy, Lois Rakoff, David Reck, Robert Riccobono, Erin Roeder, Rocio Sanz, Wendy Schlazer, Maury Schott, Arthur Z. Schwartz, Shirley Secunda, Shirley H. Smith, James Solomon, Richard Stewart, Sean Sweeney, Elaine Young, Jin Ren Zhang

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lisa Cannistracci, Harriet Fields, Edward Gold, Raymond Lee, Edward Ma, Ke-Wei Ma, Judy Paul, Carol Yankay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Makrand Bhoot, Mary Johnson, Arthur Kriemelman, Annie Washburn **BOARD STAFF PRESENT**: Bob Gormley, District Manager, and Florence Arenas, Community Coordinator

GUESTS: Katie Smith, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office; Crystal Gold-Pond, Eric Sumberg, and Colin Casey, Senator Tom Duane's office; Mary Cooley, Sen. Daniel Squadron's office; Sandy Myers, Man. Borough President Scott Stringer's office; Lisa Parson, Assembly Member Deborah Glick's office; John Ricker, NYC Comptroller's office; Noah Isaacs, Council Speaker Christine Quinn's office; Lorna Nobile-Chin, Council Member Margaret Chin's office; Kate Mikuliak, Council Member Rosie Mendez's office; Mimi Miller, Judith Callet, Raymond Cline, Lily Wendle, Shireen Soheili, Bertha Chase, Judy Magida, Susan Perry, Terri Cude, Jonathan Kantor, Joseph Ragno, Elke Hoffmann, Harry E. Beatty, Ralph Tramontana, Joanna McClintick, Joon Kim, Evette Stalk-Katz, Hedy Hauptman, Sybil Parker, Elizabeth Adam, Mark Fiedler, Lynette Bianchi, Diana Bornstein, Peter Andros, Andrew Pirgousis, Barbara Devaney, Lynn Pacifico, Gary Parker, Tony Juliano, David Plate, Paula Feddersen, Julie Menin, Davide Gentile, Jerry Morgan, Denise Collins, Ision Bensusan, Patricia Gonzalez, Ellen Peterson-Lewis, Matthew Roark, Ernest Magliato, Anne Compoccia, Victoria Lamb, Irene Kaufman, Emily DePalo, Andrew M. Schwalm, Robin Rothstein, Brittain Mason, Georgette Fleischer, Dianna Maeurer, Sid Gupta, Gary Giardina, Barry Mallin, Lee Schwartz

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II. PUBLIC SESSION

Non-Agenda Items

Dog Park

Lynn Pacifico spoke in favor of a dog park.

New York University

Joanna McClintick spoke regarding an upcoming non-profit forum sponsored by NYU.

KSM Trial in Downtown Manhattan

Julie Menin, CB1 Chair, spoke regarding the impact of hold this trial in downtown Manhattan.

Karaoke Bar at 54 E. 13th St.

Jerry Morgan spoke against this premise.

Landmarks Applications

Gary Parker, representing NYU, spoke in favor of some upcoming Landmarks applications proposed by NYU to restore the Washington Mews and vicinity.

Sidewalks, Public Facilities & Access Items

App. to Dept. of Consumer Affairs for Newsstand at Southeast corner of Broadway & E. Houston St. Joon Kim spoke in opposition to the proposed newsstand.

New App. to DCA for revocable consent to operate an Enclosed sidewalk café for Andikiana Corp. d/b/a Silver Spurs, 490-494 LaGuardia Pl, with 20 tables & 40 seats

Mark Fiedler, Bertha Chase, Lee Schwartz, Judy Magida, Raymond Cline, Judith Callet, and Barbara Devaney spoke against the proposed application for an enclosed sidewalk café.

SLA Licensing Items

Altamarea Group, LLC, 218 Lafavette St., NYC

Georgette Fleischer, Matthew Roark, Barry Mallin, spoke against the proposed liquor license application.

The Cellar of Amelie d/b/a Amelie, 220 Lafayette St., NYC

Georgette Fleischer, Matthew Roark, spoke against the proposed beer and wine license application.

Lignoranti, LLC, 24 Prince St., NYC

Elke Hoffmann, representing the applicant, spoke in favor of the proposed liquor license.

LLC to be formed d/b/a T.B.D. 415 W. 13th St., NYC

Tony Juliano spoke in favor of the proposed liquor license for the Blue Note.

Street Activity & Film Permit

9/16-9/26/10-Figli de San Gennaro, Mulberry St. bet. Canal & Houston St. & Hester & Grand Sts. Anne Compoccia spoke in favor of the annual event.

<u>6/28/10-Heritage of Pride-Pride Fest Street Festival, Hudson St. bet. Bethune St. & W. 14th St. Paula Feddersen spoke in favor of the annual event.</u>

New Business

Future of St. Vincent's Hospital

Irene Kaufman spoke against the closure of the hospital.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. <u>ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT AND REPORTING</u>

Katie Smith, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office

Crystal Gold-Pond, Eric Sumberg, and Colin Casey, Senator Tom Duane's office

Mary Cooley, Sen. Elect Daniel Squadron's office;

John Ricker, NYC Comptroller's office;

Sandy Myers, Man. Borough President Scott Stringer's officee

Lisa Parson, Assembly Member Deborah Glick's office

Noah Isaacs, of Council Speaker Christine Quinn's office

Lorna Nobile-Chin, Council Member Margaret Chin's office;

Kate Mikuliak, Council Member Rosie Mendez's office,

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Distribution of December 2009 and January 2010 minutes.

VI. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

- 1. Chair's Report Jo Hamilton reported
- 2. District Manager's Report Bob Gormley reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC AESTHETICS

1ST LANDMARKS MEETING

Item 1 - 155 Wooster Street (@Houston) – SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District A Classical Revival style store and loft building designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1897-1898. Application is to install a painted wall sign. Zoned M1-5a.

Whereas, in 2000 the City Planning Commission and the City Council revised the Zoning Resolution regarding signage in SoHo/NoHo after years of agitation by citizens and civic organizations whose community was polluted and overrun by unbridled usurpation of the streetscape by advertising signs completely out of scale with historic proportion; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that the LPC allows 25% of a wall to be covered with an advertising sign, while the DOB's formula permits a maximum area of five times the frontage, considerably less; and

Whereas, although historically there were wall signs in the Cast-Iron Historic District, those were "business" signs for an enterprise within the building, and had an appropriate scale and proportion; and

Whereas, this application is not for a traditional "business" sign but for an "advertising" sign, which types of signs have no significant history in the district; and

Whereas, the sign on the building from the 1970s that the applicant presented as a precedent was smaller than the proposed sign and advertised a business in the building; and

Whereas, signs that were approved by the LPC in recent years along Houston Street as well as within the core of the historic district respected the scale of the buildings; and

Whereas, the proposed size is grossly out of proportion. Traditional business signs were a couple of hundred square feet in area; this advertising sign is almost a couple of thousand; and

Whereas, furthermore, this proposal, covering 27% of the surface area, exceeds even the Commission's guidelines of 25% coverage, which guidelines unfortunately misjudge or overlook the scale and proportion of historic signage in the District; and

Whereas, this sign is blatantly visible not only within the SoHo Historic District, but also from the individually landmarked Silver Towers directly across Houston Street, which has no commercial signage; and

Whereas, there is an excess of text, which makes it look cluttered; and

Whereas, apropos of text, we ask the Commission whether it wants to approve a sign that continues the promulgation of negative ethnic stereotyping, namely, as the text itself proclaims: "The Classic Polish Joke". Would we feel comfortable inserting any other ethnic group there?; and

Whereas, regarding the coloration: although the applicant proposed the image #L-200 in the presentation, we feel there is too much contrast, clashing, and color oversaturation in that image. Instead, we prefer a palette more like what was presented in #L-205, which is much more subdued, less distracting, and detracts less from the building and the district than image #L-200 does; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that similarly large signs on the building were approved by Landmarks, but no one on our committee ever recalls it coming before the community board; and

Whereas, last month, in response to many complaints from citizens and city agencies, the Buildings Department removed three huge vinyl signs of similar scale on non-designated tenement buildings along Houston Street between Thompson Street and Sixth Avenue in the South Village, directly to the west. Having this proposed sign as the only out-of-scale signage along this section of Houston Street would now be incongruous; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application; and

Further, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends that in general the Commission re-think its guideline of 25% coverage, and in this specific case exercise what the Zoning Resolution sensibly recommends, namely, six times the frontage; and

Further, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends a more subdued palette on a smaller sign.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 2 - 535 Hudson Street (n.w. Charles) – Greenwich Village Historic District. An apartment building designed by Samuel Roth and built in 1951-1953. Application is to construct rooftop and rear yard additions. Zoned C1-6

Whereas, this apartment building consists of three older townhouses that were altered in the early 1950s; and

Whereas, people from the community appeared to voice their discontent that this proposed addition would be so visible to the public; and

Whereas, the proposed rooftop addition is highly visible from Charles Street and partly visible from Hudson Street, the main street of the West Village; and

Whereas, the 38" parapet wall that DOB requires on the roof will add to the visibility; and

Whereas, the intrusion into the ground floor courtyard makes no sense aesthetically or historically, and could be a fire exit problem, as well as a problem with noise for neighbors; and

Whereas, although the permitted FAR is 3.44, the building is already built up to FAR 3.96; and

Whereas, although the applicant's architect was the only person to appear for the owner and could only speak to the design and materials, it is our belief that the owner's intention is to apply for a Community Facility Allowance for a ground-floor use, thus being eligible to construct more bulk on this already bulked-up structure; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application; and

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 3 - 17 West 8th Street – Greenwich Village Historic District A Greek Revival style house built in 1845-46. Application is to alter the façade and install windows and storefront infill.

Whereas, the installation of a new bulkhead at the base, painted wooden windows, doors, and steel channel are in similar scale, style and material common to the Historic District; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2ND LANDMARKS MEETING

Item 1 - 512 Broadway (Prince)— SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District A Renaissance Revival style store and loft building designed by Lamb & Wheller and built in 1881-1882. Application is to install storefront infill.

Whereas, the doors proposed are acceptable but should be brought up to the level of the transom bar, which should be retained; and

Whereas, the wire mesh proposed for the bulkhead has analogies in other buildings in the district; but

Whereas, there is no basis for a wire-mesh display window, a treatment that is used on lot-line windows as fire protection; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of wire-mesh in the window; but

Further, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the mesh grill at the bulkhead, as well as approval of the new door that should be brought up to the transom bar, which is an important element in the Cast-Iron District.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 2 - 393 West Broadway (Spring)— SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District. A warehouse designed by J.B. Snook & Sons, and built in 1889-90. Application is to alter window openings and install windows.

Whereas, increasing the size of the window openings and installing matching double-hung windows will not detract from the building or the district; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 3 - 404-416 Bleecker Street, New Abingdon Playground – Greenwich Village H.D.

A modern playground and seating area. Application is to redesign the seating area and comfort station.

Whereas, the Landmarks Committee generally prefers to preserve the appearance of the Village at the time of designation or earlier in accordance with the landmarks statute; and

Whereas, we appreciate the retention of the former Bank Street passageway; and

Whereas, bringing the comfort station up to ADA specs is commendable and the treatment is pleasing; and

Whereas, the proposed lighting is an improvement; but

Whereas, we are concerned that the multiple changes proposed by the Parks Department may overly alter the historic appearance of the park: and

Whereas, the Landmarks Committee was not provided a compelling argument why pavers (rather than bricks) were required to preserve the tree roots: and

Whereas, we are concerned that the cool colors of the pavers are substantially different from the warm color of the brick; and

Whereas, the Landmarks Committee finds the pseudo-Victorian hoof benches unattractive and unrelated to the aesthetic of the Village; and

Whereas, we would prefer maintaining and restoring the brick paving, as well as restoring the simple benches, and not replacing them with pseudo-Victorian hoof benches; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. approves moving forward with this project subject to a careful reconsideration by the Commission of the details of the proposal in order to maintain more of the historic character of the park than what is currently proposed.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 4 - Washington Mews – Greenwich Village Historic District. A private street. Application is to reconstruct the street bed and sidewalks.

Whereas, the reconstruction utilizes historic styles, materials and configuration, improving the mews' streetscape, while at the same time attaining ADA compliance; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 5 - 7 & 8 Washington Mews - Greenwich Village Historic District Two houses designed by Scott & Prescott and built in 1930. Application is to alter an entrance.

Whereas, restoring the era's glass blocks by the windows is commendable; and

Whereas, removing the steps in front of #7 in order to lower the bottom of the door will not only make the building ADA compliant but will actually make it match the adjacent building, #8; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 36 Board members in favor.

Item 6 - 14A Washington Mews - Greenwich Village Historic District. An apartment building designed by J.E. Terhune and built in 1884. Application is to alter the areaway and side façade, and replace windows. Zoned R-6

Whereas, the new windows will not detract from the building and removal of the areaway grill will be an addition; and

Whereas, the work on the windows on the east side will clean up the visual clutter and provide a balanced secondary façade; and

Whereas, filling in the air conditioner holes on the south wall is an improvement; and

Whereas, filling in the open areaway on the north side and installing a flat sidewalk are also an improvement; and

Whereas, taking away the indentations on the upper floor of the sidewall and filling it in with masonry not only provides NYU with additional interior space but works aesthetically; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application; and

Further, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. commends NYU for its re-use of existing buildings instead of relying on new development.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 7 - 341 Bleecker Street (Christopher/W. 10th)— Greenwich Village H.D. A vernacular style frame house with brick façade built in1820 and later altered. Application is to reconstruct the building. Zoned C1-6

Whereas, although the front of the building is rotating 6" towards the rear, LPC should investigate whether bracing the building is possible, rather than a total demolition; and

Whereas, if that does not appear feasible and the front façade is to be rebuilt, the bricks should not be modern-style bricks. The bricks used in these 1820s building were far from perfect. It was not until 1840 that the fabricators were able to create more perfect-appearing bricks with sharp edges, requiring thinner mortar joints. Thus, the applicant, instead of using modern bricks, should shop around for de-constructed bricks that look more like the older style: rugged, buffed, porous and irregular; and

Whereas, the original Flemish bond bricks had a pink-orange color and the new masonry should try to match that palette; and

Whereas, the proposed cornice is more appropriate to a building built after 1840, being more elaborate than this 1820 building would have had; and

Whereas, thus, the proposed cornice should be simplified by removing the dentils but adding drip molding and a fascia below the crown; and

Whereas, the rear yard addition does not protrude much into the doughnut, is partially hidden and has a rectilinear configuration - not a modernist glass façade we see requested so often; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends LPC research whether the building can be braced and saved; and

Further, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends that if preservation is not feasible, that the work should go ahead but with special attention given to assure that the new brickwork matches the original 1820 masonry in appearance and color as much as possible, and that the cornice be simplified to reflect an original cornice that an 1820 building like this would have.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Item 8 - 1 Abingdon Square, aka 607 Hudson Street (Village Nursing Home)— Greenwich Village Historic District. A neo-Federal style hotel building designed by Ralph Townsend and built in 1905. Application is to alter entrances, install marquees, install window openings, and modify rooftop additions.

Whereas, removing the fence work, opening bricked-up windows, adding uniform basement windows, restoring the limestone detail work, making the rear roof-line more uniform, neatening the glazing and standardizing the courtyard windows all add to the building and the district; but

Whereas, the proposed marquee, although not a common element in the Village, is appropriate for a building of this era; but it is too oversized; now

Therefore, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends general approval of this application; but

Further, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. recommends that the main marquee proposed at nine feet be drastically reduced to something more in scale, say, three feet - wide enough to open an umbrella; and

Further, be it resolved that CB#2, Man. notes that the applicant provided no sightline drawings; but we accept his word that future sightline drawings will not show an increase in height or bulk from what is presently visible from the street.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ACCESS

App. to Department of Consumer Affairs for Newsstands at:

1. Southeast corner of Broadway & E. Houston, DCA# 1342842

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there was community correspondence regarding this new application, but the applicant was not present, and

Whereas, this corner is regularly congested with Subway, Bike, Truck and passenger vehicle traffic in addition to extremely high regular pedestrian traffic and the available sidewalk space is regularly not enough, and

Whereas, the owner of 600 Broadway, where the Newsstand will be placed has objected, in writing to DCA to the placement and that notification is attached, and

Whereas, the commercial tenants of this building have formed a tenants association and have appeared before this committee in objection,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **DENIAL** of this application for a Newsstand at Southeast corner of Broadway & E. Houston, DCA# 1342842.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2. Northeast corner of Broadway & E. Houston, DCA# 1342841

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there was no community correspondence regarding this new application, and the applicant was not present, and

Whereas, this corner is regularly congested with Subway, Bike, Truck and passenger vehicle traffic in addition to extremely high regular pedestrian traffic and the available sidewalk space is regularly not enough, and

Whereas, DOT has already created a bump-out on the Houston St side to accommodate the extremely high traffic generated from subway riders and pedestrians waiting to cross Houston St., and

Whereas. there is already a fully operating, long-established retail newsstand on this block, paying considerable rent and other retail taxes, including the surcharge for the NoHo NY BID, and contributing to the economic vitality of the block,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **DENIAL** of this application for a Newsstand at Northeast corner of Broadway & E. Houston, DCA# 1342841.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

3. New App. for revocable consent to operate an Enclosed sidewalk café for:

Andikiana Corp. d/b/a Silver Spurs, 490-494 LaGuardia Pl, Manhattan Block:525, Lot:56, Precinct 6,with 20 tables & 40 seats, DCA# 1326707 – Laid Over from January

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there was community correspondence regarding this new application, and the applicant, Andrew Persousis, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 18.75 feet on the Houston St. side and depth of 98 feet along LaGuardia Place, with one buildings of four stories, built in 1900 (est), with 0 residential units of a total 7 units in a Commercial and Office Buildings area; Zoning: R7-2 Zoning Map #12C, and

Whereas, the applicant has been at this location for 15 years, owns the building in which the restaurant and café resides and has come forward with this request as a means of staying competitive in an area increasingly more dense with restaurants and sidewalk cafes, and

Whereas, the applicant owns two other restaurants, Bully's and Silver Spurs at Broadway and 9th St., in this district, and

Whereas, this is the first enclosed sidewalk café on LaGuardia Place and is located on a heavily traveled intersection, and

Whereas the benefit of an open sidewalk café to the community in adding ambience and liveliness to the street is lost when the café is enclosed, and

Whereas enclosing an outdoor café in this location will result in a stifling of the liveliness of this street, and

Whereas the structure will restrict visibility at this busy location, and

Whereas, there is community opposition expressed by the Board of the Bleecker Area Merchants and Residents Association in a letter presented to this committee, a second letter received by a community resident and in the testimony of tree other community residents attending the hearing, and

Whereas, the plans show insufficient clearance on the LaGuardia side between grates and boundary of Enclosed Sidewalk Café, and

Whereas, the most often cited objection from the community members was concern that this application for an enclosed sidewalk café would establish a precedent for others to follow in this area, and

Whereas, the committee was equally divided regarding the issue of precedence and the principle of evaluating merit on a case-by-case basis, but did agree that this was not a good location for an enclosed café, and

Whereas, the applicant was unwilling to reduce the size of this café, especially on the Houston St. side where it would affect sidewalk congestion and traffic the most,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **DENIAL** of this application for a **New App. for revocable consent to operate an Enclosed sidewalk café for** Andikiana Corp. d/b/a Silver Spurs, 490-494 LaGuardia Pl, Manhattan Block:525, Lot:56, Precinct 6, with 20 tables & 40 seats, DCA# 1326707

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

New App. For revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for:

4. Friendly Foods LLC, d/b/a Pulino's Bar & Pizzeria, 282 Bowery, Southwest corner @ Houston St., Manhattan Block:507, Lot:25, Police Precinct:5, with 13 tables & 40 seats, DCA# 1343045

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant and expeditor, Michael Kelly, were present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 37.5 feet on the Bowery side, with one buildings of four stories, built in 1900 (est), with 3 residential units of a total 4 units in an area of Industrial and Manufacturing use; Zoning: C6-1, Zoning Map #12C,in the Little Italy Special Zoning District - http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/zone/art10c09.pdf, pg 30, and

Whereas, this applicant has entered into an agreement with the residential tenants of this building which they agreed to attach to this resolution, and

Whereas, this committee raised concern for the café presence at this very heavily travelled intersection of Bowery and Houston and recommended a reduction of tables on the Houston St side nearest to the crosswalks, and

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to submit a revised plan reducing this application to 11 tables and 35 seats, and

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to close the sidewalk café at Midnight 7 days a week,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Friendly Foods LLC, d/b/a Pulino's Bar & Pizzeria, 282 Bowery, Southwest corner @ Houston St., Manhattan Block:507, Lot:25, Police Precinct:5, with 11 tables & 35 seats, DCA# 1343045 CONDITIONAL UPON the submission of a revised plan showing the reduction in tables and seats and the seven day closing at Midnight.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

4. New Restart Inc, 145 Mulberry St., betw Grand & Hester Sts, Manhattan Block:236, Lot:22, Police Precinct:5, with 6 tables & 12 seats, DCA# 1342588.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant's expeditor, Michael Kelly, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 50.42 feet, with one buildings of six stories, built in 1915, with 25 residential units of a total 26 units in an area of Multi-Family Elevator Buildings; Zoning: C6-2G, Zoning Map #12C,in the Little Italy Special Zoning District - http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/zone/art10c09.pdf, pg 30, and

Whereas, this was the former Terra Mina restaurant location which also had a sidewalk café, and

Whereas, there is now a recently installed MuniMeter in close proximity to the sidewalk plan that may not allow sufficient 8 foot clearance,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for New Restart Inc, 145 Mulberry St., betw Grand & Hester Sts, Manhattan Block:236, Lot:22, Police Precinct:5, with 6 tables & 12 seats, DCA# 1342588, CONDITIONAL UPON the sidewalk plan complying with the new MuniMeter OR the relocation of the MuniMeter.

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VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

5. Emilia, Inc. d/b/a L'Ulivo, 184 Spring St., at Thompson St. Manhattan, Block:489, Lot:25, Police Precinct:1, with 5 tables & 10 seats, DCA# 1342907

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant, Ahmed Alavion, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 50 feet, with one buildings of two stories, built in 1915, with 0 residential units of a total 2 units in an area of Commercial and Office Buildings; Zoning: R7-2; Commercial Overlay C1-5, Zoning Map #12A. Landmark Building: No; Historic District: No

Whereas, this is a new application because the previous consent had lapsed, and

Whereas, this application adds one table and two chairs to the previous sidewalk plan, and

Whereas, the applicant agrees to adhere to this plan, and to display the DCA permit sign,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Emilia, Inc. d/b/a L'Ulivo, 184 Spring St., at Thompson St. Manhattan, Block:489, Lot:25, Police Precinct:1, with 5 tables & 10 seats, DCA# 1342907

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VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

6. Summit of the World Inc. d/b/a Bone Lick Park, 75 Greenwich Ave., Corner of W 11th St. Manhattan, Block:614, Lot:61, Police Precinct:6, with 10 tables & 20 seats, DCA# 1343008.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant, Lily Halevy, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 77 feet, with one buildings of six stories, built in 1920, with 41 residential units of a total 48 units in an area of Multi-Family Elevator Buildings; Zoning: C2-6C1-6; Zoning Map #12A. Landmark Building: Yes; Historic District: Greenwich Village

Whereas, this is a new application for a previously existing sidewalk café, renewed in March 2008, because ownership has recently changed but all else remains the same, and

Whereas, the sidewalk café operates from 11 am to 11pm seven days a week,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Summit of the World Inc. d/b/a Bone Lick Park, 75 Greenwich Ave., Corner of W 11th St. Manhattan, Block:614, Lot:61, Police Precinct:6, with 10 tables & 20 seats, DCA# 1343008.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

7. **Fig & Olive Thirteen Street, LLC, 420 W. 13th St.,** betw 9th Ave and Washington Sts., Manhattan, Block: 645, Lot:29, Police Precinct: 6with 17 tables & 34 seats, DCA# 1343247.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant, Laurent Halasz was represented, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 144 feet, (thru lot to Little West 12th) with one building of three stories, built in 1901, with 0 residential units of a total 34 units in an area of Commercial and Office Buildings; Zoning: M1-5; Zoning Map #8B. Landmark Building: Yes; Historic District: Gansevoort Market, and

Whereas, the previous sidewalk café consent ended in April and this is a new application for the same entity, and

Whereas, this application does intend to use natural gas heaters and does represents that they do have the requisite DOB and Fire Dept permits,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Fig & Olive Thirteen Street, LLC, 420 W. 13th St., betw 9th Ave and Washington Sts., Manhattan, Block: 645, Lot:29, Police Precinct: 6with 17 tables & 34 seats, DCA# 1343247.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

8. Olio Restaurants, LLC, d/b/a/ Gusto, 3 Greenwich Ave., betw Sixth Ave and Christopher St, Manhattan, Block: 593, Lot:13, Police Precinct: 6, with 28 tables & 58 seats, DCA# 1344146.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant, Emil Stefuov and representative, Steve Wygoda were present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 85 feet, with one building of one story, built in 1960, with 0 residential units of a total 8 units in an area of Commercial and Office Buildings; Zoning: C4-5 R6;. *Special Purpose District* Zoning Map # 12C Landmark Building: Yes; Historic District: Greenwich Village, and

Whereas, the applicant produced 32 signatures in favor of this sidewalk café application, and

Whereas, there is an unusually wide sidewalk at this heavily traveled location, and

Whereas, the applicant does not intend to utilize natural gas heaters for this large café and will not employ sandwich boards,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Olio Restaurants, LLC, d/b/a/ Gusto, 3 Greenwich Ave., betw Sixth Ave and Christopher St, Manhattan, Block: 593, Lot:13, Police Precinct: 6, with 28 tables & 58 seats, DCA# 1344146.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

9. 151 Mulberry St. Corp., dba Il Pallazzo, 151 Mulberry St. betw. Grand & Hester Sts, Manhattan, Block:236, Lot: 20, Police Precinct: 5, with 6 tables & 13 seats, DCA# 1343752.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this application, and the applicant's expeditor, Michael Kelly, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 20.08 feet, with two buildings of three stories, built in 1900 (est) with 2 residential units of a total 3 units in an area of Mixed Residential and Commercial Buildings; Zoning: C6-2G, Zoning Map #12C,in the Little Italy Special Zoning District - http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/zone/art10c09.pdf, pg 30, and

Whereas, there was a previous revocable consent issued to this restaurant, which was withdrawn, in 2008, and

Whereas, this is a Landmarked building originally owned by the Stabile Brothers but has recently been sold to the Italian American Museum, and

Whereas, the Italian American Museum has now given this lessee permission to operate a sidewalk café, a requirement of the DCA application, and

Whereas, the new sidewalk café plan utilizes the area in front of the building occupied by Il Palazzo, only,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for 151 Mulberry St. Corp., dba Il Pallazzo, 151 Mulberry St. betw. Grand & Hester Sts, Manhattan, Block:236, Lot: 20, Police Precinct: 5, with 6 tables & 13 seats, DCA# 1343752

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

10. Cereli Inc., d/b/a Mole, 57 Jane St., northeast corner Hudson St., Manhattan, Block: 626, Lot: 21, Police Precinct: 6, with 7 tables & 16 seats, DCA# 1343516.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were community members present regarding this application, a letter of testimony from the Jane St. Block Association and the applicant, Nicola Cervera and expeditor, Michael Kelly, were present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 18 feet, on Hudson St., with one building of four stories, built in 1920 with 3 residential units of a total 4 units in an area of Mixed Residential and Commercial Buildings; Zoning: C1-6, Zoning Map #8B. Landmark Building: Yes, Historic District: Greenwich Village Whereas, this is a new establishment and a new owner at this location that did previously have a sidewalk café, and

Whereas, there were three community members present to deliver testimony attesting to the increasing impact of the Gansevoort area establishments on the quality of life on these blocks on Hudson St., and

Whereas, there was apprehension that this establishment might increase the practice of patrons lingering on sidewalks and stoops, and

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to establish an ongoing dialogue with the Jane St. Block Association through Paula Fedeersen, of 51 Jane St., in relation to the operation of this sidewalk café, and

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to post notices asking for respect to resident neighbors,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Cereli Inc., d/b/a Mole, 57 Jane St., northeast corner Hudson St., Manhattan, Block: 626, Lot: 21, Police Precinct: 6, with 7 tables & 16 seats, DCA# 1343516.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

11. PJ's of Little Italy, Inc. d/b/a Pelligrino's, 138 Mulberry St., btw Grand & Hester Sts., Manhattan, Block:237, Lot:7501, Police Precinct: 5, with 7 tables & 14 seats, DCA# 1343750.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this application, and expeditor, Michael Kelly, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 124.75, with one building of six stories, built in 1915 with 0 residential units of a total 11 units in an area of Commercial and Office Buildings; Zoning: C6-2G, Zoning Map #12C. Landmark Building: No; Historic District: No (Little Italy Special District) http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/zone/art10c09.pdf, pg 30

Whereas, this is a new application as a result of new ownership, but the café and operation remain the same, and

Whereas, there are no complaints associated with this location,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for PJ's of Little Italy, Inc. d/b/a Pelligrino's, 138 Mulberry St., btw Grand & Hester Sts., Manhattan, Block:237, Lot:7501, Police Precinct: 5, with 7 tables & 14 seats, DCA# 1343750.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Renewal App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for:

12. Cornelia Street Café, Inc. d/b/a Cornelia Street Café, 29 Cornelia St., betw West 4th and Bleecker, Manhattan, Block:590, Lot:45, Police Precinct:6, with 6 tables & 14 seats, DCA# 0786740.

Whereas, the area was posted, contiguous neighborhood associations alerted by e-mail and there were no community members present and no others submitting of written testimony; and the applicant, Robin Hirsch, was present, and,

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 42.17 feet on Cornelia St. where the sidewalk café is placed, with one building of six stories, built in 1910 (est) with 28 residential units of a total 30 units in an area of Multi-Family Walk-Up Buildings, Zoning:R6, Zoning Map #12A, and

Whereas, this café has operated for more than 12 years, was last renewed in April 2007, and there are no complaints,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a Renewal App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Cornelia Street Café, Inc. d/b/a Cornelia Street Café, 29 Cornelia St., betw West 4th and Bleecker, Manhattan, Block:590, Lot:45, Police Precinct:6,with 6 tables & 14 seats, DCA# 0786740

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

13. Jo-Rach Inc., d/b/a Palermo, 148 Mulberry St., at Grand St., Manhattan, Block:237, Lot:12, Police Precinct: 5, with 3 tables & 10 seats, DCA# 0920440.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this application, and the owner, Juliana Delutro was represented, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 51 feet, with one building of six stories, built in 1900 with 20 residential units of a total 23 units in an area of Mixed Residential and Commercial Buildings; Zoning: C6-2G, Zoning Map #12C. Landmark Building: No; Historic District: No (Little Italy Special District) http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/zone/art10c09.pdf, pg 30, and

Whereas, this applicant has been operating in this location since 1973, and

Whereas, there are no complaints;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a Renewal App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Jo-Rach Inc., d/b/a Palermo, 148 Mulberry St., at Grand St., Manhattan, Block:237, Lot:12, Police Precinct: 5, with 3 tables & 10 seats, DCA# 0920440.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

14. 7th & Barrow, LLC d/b/a Sushi Samba #7, 87 7th Ave South and 22 Barrow St., Manhattan, Block: 591, Lot: 34 and 36, Police Precinct: 6, with 20 tables & 40 seats, DCA# 1253042.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this application, and the owner was represented by Gina Wren, and

Whereas, these lots have frontage of 73.6 feet, with two buildings of one story, built in 1900 and 1920 with 0 residential units of a total 3 units in an area of Commercial and Office Buildings; Zoning: C4-5, Zoning Map #12A. Landmark Building: Yes; Historic District: Greenwich Village, and

Whereas, all issues presented at the last renewal in June 2007 have been resolved and there are no current complaints,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a Renewal App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for 7th & Barrow, LLC d/b/a Sushi Samba #7, 87 7th Ave South and 22 Barrow St., Manhattan, Block: 591, Lot: 34 and 36, Police Precinct: 6, with 20 tables & 40 seats, DCA# 1253042.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

15. Panzi Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Panca, 92 7th Ave. South, btw Grove & Bleecker Sts. Manhattan, Block: 591, Lot: 10, Police Precinct: 6, with 13 tables & 36 seats, DCA# 1250013.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this application, and the owner was NOT represented, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 86.5 feet, with one building of three story, built in 1910 (est), with 6 residential units of a total 10 units in an area of Mixed Residential and Commercial Building; Zoning: C4-5, Zoning Map #12A. **Landmark Building:** Yes; **Historic District:** Greenwich Village, and

Whereas, the applicant did not appear, and this restaurant and café have no complaints,

This Committee is recommending a layover for the hearing of this application to the March schedule and a request for the applicant to appear before this committee at that time.

16. Two Bacalhaus, Inc. d/b/a Pao, 322 Spring St., betw Greenwich and Washington Sts., Manhattan Block: 595, Lot: 73, Police Precinct: 1, with 16 tables & 32 seats.

Whereas, the area was posted, contiguous neighborhood associations alerted by posting and e-mail and no residents appeared before the committee and the Applicant was present at this hearing; and,

Whereas, this lot has frontage of **18.75** feet and depth of 40.33 feet and with one building of four stories, built in 1900 (est), with three residential units of a total four units in an area of Mixed Residential and Commercial Buildings; Zoning C6-2A, Zoning Map# 12A and,

Whereas, this application was originally scheduled for hearing in December 2008, and

Whereas, there are no complaints or changes in this applicants operation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of this application for a Renewal App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for Two Bacalhaus, Inc. d/b/a Pao, 322 Spring St., with 16 tables & 32 seats.

Please note: "The practice of installing and utilizing speakers and outside audio, especially with sidewalk cafes, is Illegal. CB#2 will be practicing a zero tolerance policy regarding this practice. This is an advance warning. Thank you for your compliance."

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

SLA LICENSING

1. Ballato's Rest. Corp., 55 E. Houston St. (Mott and Mulberry), NYC.

Whereas, the applicant re-appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an upgrade from a Beer and Wine license to an On Premise license for an Italian restaurant located in a 1038 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located on East Houston between Mott and Mulberry Streets with 39 table seats, no bar and a maximum legal capacity of 74 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there are no plans to change the existing operation; the applicant stated the hours are Monday – Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Saturday from 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Sunday from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; there is no sidewalk café and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been operating with a Beer and Wine license for several years; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the proposed upgrade to an On Premise license for Ballato's Rest. Corp., 55 E. Houston St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2. Altamarea Group, LLC, 218 Lafayette St. (Spring and Kenmare), NYC.

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an On Premise license in a commercial building on Lafayette between Spring and Kenmare Streets for a 1,800 s.f. Italian restaurant with 82 table seats, 1 bar with 12 seats, and a maximum legal capacity of 116 persons pending the issuance of a revised Certificate of Occupancy and Public Assembly Permit; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Seven Days a Week from 7:00 a.m., there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant is currently operating other highly-regarded, successful establishments throughout Manhattan; and, several letters of recommendation were submitted by members of community, including members of other Community Boards; and,

Whereas, the location has a history with problematic operators previous and unrelated to this applicant; and, the Committee acknowledges that this applicant would be a vast improvement with its experience, professionalism and regard for its neighbors; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to the following set of stipulations:

- 1. The applicant has agreed to obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents, including a revised Certificate of Occupancy and Public Assembly Permit.
- 2. The applicant has agreed to not consider extending its hours until after 1-year in operation.
- 3. The applicant has agreed to close French Doors and/or windows at all times.
- 4. The applicant has agreed to prohibit live music and DJs at all times.
- 5. The applicant has agreed to never seek a DCA Sidewalk Café license.
- 6. The applicant has agreed to operate as a Restaurant only.
- 7. The applicant has agreed to make the General Manager of the restaurant accessible at all times in the event issues shall arise.
- 8. The applicant has agreed to community outreach initiatives in order to establish good will with its neighbors.

Whereas, several members of the community appeared in favor of the applicant; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express a few concerns stemming from previous operators; and, strongly requested that this Committee incorporate the stipulations in order to address their concerns; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** of an On Premise license for **Altamarea Group, LLC, 218 Lafayette St., unless** those conditions agreed to by applicant relating to and outlined in the sixth "whereas" clauses are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

3. Villa Pacri LLC, d/b/a Villa Pacri, 55-59 Gansevoort St. (9th Avenue and Washington), NYC

Whereas, the applicant re-appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for On Premise licenses for an upscale café, restaurant and lounge collectively 10,000 s.f. in a commercial building located on Gansevoort between 9h Avenue and Washington Street with 238 table seats, 2 bars with 13 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 428 persons; and

Whereas, the applicant has stated there will be a sidewalk café application in the upcoming future but no backyard garden; and, music will be background on the first two floors and DJ only in the basement; and

Whereas, the applicant has expressed their intent to operate under 3 DBAs ("Doing Business As") with 3 separate ENTRANCES; and

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the 3 distinct areas are:

- Ground Floor Café hours are Sunday –Saturday from 8:30 a.m. 2:30 a.m.
- 2nd Floor Restaurant hours are Monday Friday from 5:30 p.m. 1:30 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. 1:30 a.m.
- Basement Lounge hours are Seven Days a Week from 8:00 p.m. 4:00 a.m.

Whereas, the SLA Licensing Committee acknowledges that this neighborhood is heavily saturated with liquor licensed establishments and, therefore, strongly urges the State Liquor Authority to incorporate these operating hours into their licensed method of operation, if granted; and,

Whereas, the applicant has reached out to members of the community prior to presenting this application; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to the following set of stipulations:

- 1. The applicant has agreed to waive its rights to seek a DCA Cabaret license.
- 2. The applicant has agreed to provide hired, professional security at all times during evening hours.
- 3. The applicant has agreed to prohibit the use of promoters.
- 4. The applicant has agreed to not have velvet ropes in front of its entrances.
- 5. The applicant has agreed to close the ground floor windows and doors by 10:00 p.m. daily.
- 6. The applicant has agreed to abide by the regulations associated with all New York City Departments and safety organizations and will obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express their concerns with a large establishment in a saturated area; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared in support of the applicant; and, letters of recommendation were submitted to this Committee; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** to the proposed On Premise license for **Villa Pacri LLC**, **d/b/a Villa Pacri**, **55-59 Gansevoort St.**, **unless** ALL conditions agreed to by applicant relating to the fifth (pertaining to their operating hours) and eighth "whereas" clauses are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends the SLA to verify that the proposed establishment does not violate the rules and regulations of the ABC Law by operating under 3 DBAs with 3 separate ENTRANCES; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA conduct a 500-foot rule hearing with the applicant and members of the community to determine if licensing this establishment serves the public interest.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

4. Bistro Shop Downtown, LLC, 118 Greenwich Ave. (7th and 8th Avenues), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for a transfer of an existing On Premise license in a mixed use building on Greenwich Avenue between 7th and 8th Avenues for a 1,300 s.f. French restaurant with 86 table seats, 1 bar with 10 seats, and a maximum legal capacity of 110 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Seven Days a Week from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 a.m.; the applicant will seek a sidewalk café in the future but will not operate a backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents, including but not limited to a Public Assembly Permit; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** of the proposed transfer of an On Premise license for **Bistro Shop Downtown, LLC, 118 Greenwich Ave**, **unless** the condition agreed to by applicant relating to the fourth "whereas" clause above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

5. Iridium Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Bread, 20 Spring Street (Elizabeth and Mott), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an upgrade from a Beer and Wine license to an On Premise license for a restaurant located in a 3000 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located on Spring between Elizabeth and Mott Streets with 84 table seats, 1 bar with 3 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 84 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there will be slight changes to the existing operation by reducing its operating hours; the applicant stated hours of operation will be Sunday – Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Thursday – Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.; there is a sidewalk café and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been operating with a Beer and Wine license successfully for 9 years; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to make best efforts to collaborate with neighboring bar and restaurant owners in order to control the crowds on this residential block; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the proposed upgrade to an On Premise license for Iridium Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Bread, 20 Spring Street.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

6. Astor Center, Inc., 23 E. 4th St. (at Lafayette), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an alteration of an existing Catering license for a wine and spirits establishment located in a 5,218 s.f. premise in a commercial building located on the corner of East 4th and Lafayette Streets with 1 bar and no bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 281 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.; there will not be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to implement the following operating practices for this establishment:

- 1. Serving hours will be limited to Monday Thursday from 8:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m.
- 2. Sound Amplification will be in compliance with DEP interior public assembly standards and acceptable decibel levels in neighboring residential interiors. The applicant will install sound insulation as needed to prevent sound generated through building structural materials to more distant neighboring residential interiors.
- 3. Capacity will be 12 persons in the Kitchen, 36 persons in the Culinary Theater and 36 in the Dining Room.
- 4. During all guest hours, the applicant will have a designated Floor Manager who will be charged with running all classes and events consistent the operating practices.
- 5. Smokers will be directed to the Lafayette Street sidewalk in front of the building, around the corner from East 4th Street.
- 6. Require all renters to execute an Event Use Agreement.

Whereas, a member of the community appeared in support; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the proposed alteration to the Catering license for Astor Center, Inc., 23 E. 4th St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

7. LLC to be formed d/b/a T.B.D. 415 W. 13th St. (9th Avenue and Washington), NYC

Whereas, the applicant re-appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for On Premise licenses for an upscale restaurant and Jazz lounge collectively 8,000 s.f. in a commercial building located on West 13th between 9th Avenue and Washington Street with 359 table seats, 2 bars with 16 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 405 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the establishment are Seven Days a Week from 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be live Jazz and background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to the following set of stipulations:

- 1. The applicant has agreed to operate as a Restaurant and Jazz lounge only, providing food and menu items at all times up until 1-hour prior to closing.
- 2. The applicant has agreed to live Jazz and background music ONLY in the establishment and will prohibit the use of DJs at all times.
- 3. The applicant has agreed to waive its rights to seek a DCA Cabaret license.
- 4. The applicant has agreed to operate under a single DBA for the Restaurant and Jazz Lounge.
- 5. The applicant has agreed to operate and maintain the establishment under Blue Note Management ONLY.

6. The applicant has agreed to abide by the regulations associated with all New York City Departments and safety organizations and will obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents; and,

Whereas, the SLA Licensing Committee acknowledges that this neighborhood is heavily saturated with licensed establishments and, therefore, strongly urges the State Liquor Authority to incorporate these stipulations into their duly licensed method of operation, if granted; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared in support of the applicant; and, letters of recommendation were submitted to this Committee; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** to the proposed On Premise license for **LLC to be formed d/b/a T.B.D. 415 W. 13th St., unless** ALL conditions agreed to by applicant relating to the fourth "whereas" clause are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA conduct a 500-foot rule hearing with the applicant and members of the community to determine if licensing this establishment serves the public interest.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

8. Lignoranti, LLC, 24 Prince St. (Mott and Elizabeth), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for a transfer of an existing On Premise license for a 1,500 s.f. restaurant (with a 400 s.f. backyard garden) located in a mixed use building on Prince between Mott and Elizabeth Streets with 76 table seats and 2 bars with 16 bar seats; and a maximum legal capacity of 95 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the establishment are Sunday – Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. and Thursday – Saturday from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be live and background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to abide by the regulations associated with all New York City Departments and safety organizations and will obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express concerns with the proposed transfer; citing concerns with the late night hours on a highly residential area; and strong concerns with the large backyard garden facing several residential apartments; a high density of existing liquor licenses; and,

Whereas, the applicant submitted a petition with over 34 signature in support; and,

Whereas, CB#2, Man. had previously approved at this location in May 2005 by resolution an application by Prince 23, LLC, for a 135-seat restaurant with a total capacity of 150 with the stated hours of operation fromm 11 a.m. to midnight 7 days a a week for the 1st floor and basement only, and DJ and background music only. It did not include use of the back yard garden; and

Whereas, the previous establishment seemingly was not operating within their approved Method of Operations in regards to hours and has, to our understanding, never completed all the requirements to secure all proper City building permits and certifications and specifically has failed to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for the basement of this location reflecting Restaurant Use and Occupancy; and,

Whereas, the current Certificate of Occupancy for this location is for Restaurant Use with the occupancy of 70 people on the 1st floor and in the basement for storage and boiler room only with no occupancy; and

Whereas, this Committee expressed strong concerns with the proposed transfer; citing issues with the basement lounge and 35 seat backyard garden in an 8 floor tenement building and the proposed late operating hours; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** of the proposed transfer of an On Premise license for **Lignoranti, LLC, 24 Prince St.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

9. The Cellar of Amelie d/b/a Amelie, 220 Lafayette St. (Spring and Kenmare), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an existing beer and wine license for a 1,700 s.f. restaurant located in a commercial building on Lafayette between Spring and Kenmare Streets with 32 table seats and 1 bar with 11 bar seats; and a maximum legal capacity of 60 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the establishment are Monday – Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. and Sunday from 12:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be background only; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express concerns with the proposed license; citing concerns with over saturation on this residential block; and,

Whereas, the applicant submitted over 20 letters of support; and

Whereas, this Committee expressed concerns with the proposed conversion of a garage space into a newly licensed establishment in highly saturated, residential area; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of the proposed beer and wine license for The Cellar of Amelie d/b/a Amelie, 220 Lafayette St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

10. Mussel Madness, LLC, d/b/a Flex Mussels, 154 W. 13th St. (6th and 7th Avenues), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an On Premise license in a mixed use building on West 13th between 6th and 7th Avenues for a 2,000 s.f. for a restaurant with 42 table seats, 1 bar with 6 bar seats, and a maximum legal capacity of 100 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Sunday – Thursday from 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the landlord appeared in support while describing her high standards in selecting this restaurateur; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of an On Premise license for Mussel Madness, LLC, d/b/a Flex Mussels, 154 W. 13th St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

11. Smorgas Chef West Village, LLC, 283 W. 12th St. (at West 4th), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an alteration to an existing On Premise license for a restaurant located in 1,510 s.f. (850 s.f. in the ground floor and 660 s.f. in the basement) premise in a mixed use building located on the corner of West 12th and West 4th Streets with 50 table seats and 1 bar with 11 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 61 persons; to add 14 tables with 28 seats in an unenclosed sidewalk cafe; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there are no plans to change the previously approved operation; the applicant stated the restaurant hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Sunday from 12:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been approved by the sidewalks committee of Community Board 2, Manhattan; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the proposed alteration to an On Premise license for Smorgas Chef West Village, LLC, 283 W. 12th St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

12. L'Atre Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a L'Aile Ou La Cuisse, 314 Bleecker St. (at Grove Street), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an alteration to an existing On Premise license for a French restaurant located in 3,300 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located on the corner of Bleecker and Grove Streets with 78 table seats and 2 bars (1 stand up and 1 service) with 11 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 74 persons; to add 2 tables with 4 seats in an unenclosed sidewalk cafe; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there are no plans to change the previously approved operation; the applicant stated the restaurant hours are Seven Days a Week from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been approved by the Sidewalks Committee of CB#2, Man.; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the proposed alteration to an On Premise license for L'Atre Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a L'Aile Ou La Cuisse, 314 Bleecker St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

13. Saigon Market, LLC, 91-93 University Pl., NYC 10003

Whereas, the applicant failed to appear before the committee or request a layover of consideration of the application to the next hearing; and,

Whereas, this application is for an On Premise liquor license; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends denial of an On Premise liquor license to Saigon Market, LLC, 91-93 University Pl., NYC and requests that the SLA send this applicant back to CB#2, Man. should this application proceed in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor

SOCIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION

1. Resolution on Illegal Hotels

Whereas, New York City suffers from a shortage of affordable housing, and

Whereas, CB#2, Man. has always made the preservation and development of affordable housing one of its top priorities, and

Whereas, many large scale development projects over the past decade have reduced the number of affordable apartments in our community, and

Whereas, a new scheme has recently been pursued, by landlords and developers, to circumvent the Rent Stabilization, and Multiple Dwelling laws, by taking advantage of loopholes caused by imprecise language, and offering apartments for short term occupancy, thereby creating "illegal hotels", and

Whereas, these "illegal hotels" often do not conform to the safety regulations set forth by the Department of Buildings that are required for Hotels, such as: fire sprinklers, and secondary egress, and

Whereas, these "illegal hotels" often do not conform to the regulations set forth by the Peoples With Disabilities Act, thereby failing to insure accessibility, and

Whereas, the proliferation of illegal hotels has become so abundant that the NYPD has created a Special Task Force to investigate complaints, and

Whereas, this problem has grown to such an extent that it has spawned a brand new industry of businesses that cater to its special needs, including booking agencies, suppliers of equipment, and housekeeping services.

Whereas, technical vagaries and ambiguous language in the current Multiple Dwelling Law and the Administrative Code of New York City Buildings Department make it difficult to prosecute and close down "illegal hotels", because some judges have ruled that this practice does not technically violate the statutes, and

Whereas, legislation has been proposed, and is currently being sponsored in the State Legislature by State Assemblymember Richard Gottfried and New York State Senator Liz Kruger, to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law in relation to clarifying provisions relating to occupancy of class A multiple dwellings, which would make it easier to close down "illegal hotels" so that these apartments can be returned to use as affordable housing units.

Therefore be it resolved that CB#2, Man. heartily supports State legislation that would clarify the laws that define and protect affordable apartments in Multiple Dwelling buildings, that would unambiguously disallow renting these apartments for short term use as hotel rooms, and that would make it easier to enforce these laws and close down "illegal hotels." and

Be it further resolved, that CB#2, Man. urges all of our State elected officials to support such legislation and pass it into law; and

Be it further resolved that CB#2, Man. urges our City Wide elected officials to enact legislation that would revise the Administrative Code of New York City to close the loopholes that allow landlords to rent residential apartments as hotel rooms.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2. Resolution on Proposed MTA cuts to student passes and Access- A- Ride

Whereas, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has proposed to cut student discounted fares that affect over one million students in New York City and to increase user fees for Access- a- Ride, used by frail seniors and disabled persons navigate the City, and

Whereas, these proposed cuts hurt the most vulnerable populations, and

Whereas, many disabled persons rely on Access-a-Ride for transportation for medical visits and other essential travel to prevent severe physical and mental illness,

Whereas cutting discounted fares to students will burden families, increase school absentees, encourage school drop-outs, and decrease learning,

Whereas, school districts throughout New York State provide free transportation to school for students in public, parochial, and private schools, and that Article XI of the New York State Constitution, which requires free education (http://www.dos.state.ny.us/info/constitution.htm) which in the City should include transport to schools beyond walking distance,

Therefore Be it resolved, that CB#2, Man. opposes these cuts that will harm students and the disabled, and urges the MTA, the State and the City to take appropriate actions to fund these programs so as not to harm the most vulnerable among us.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

STREET ACTIVITY & FILM PERMITS

1. Support of Various Street Fair Permit Applications (Renewals)

WHEREAS, each of the street fair permit applications listed below were approved by CB#2, Man. last year and are up for renewal this year; and

WHEREAS, each of the street fair permit applications listed below appear to not have changed in any material manner from last year; and

WHEREAS, each of the street fair permit applications listed below include a setup and breakdown time between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of the street fair permit applications listed below appeared before the Committee to answer questions, and the Committee has determined in the exercise of its sound judgment that the sponsors meet the requirements of Chapter 11, Section 1-03(b), of the Rules of the Street Activity Permit Office Relating to Applications, Fees and Charges, in that each such sponsor is a "community based, not-for–profit organization, association or the like, which has an indigenous relationship to the specific street or the community or both, for which the event is proposed and which demonstrates that it has the support of the community and is willing to take full responsibility for the conduct of the event"; and

WHEREAS, there is no community opposition to such applications from the public; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. supports the street fair permit applications on the dates and at the locations listed below:

- 1. **3/27-12/19** Our Lady of Pompeii Church, (multi-day), Bleecker Street (South side only) bet Carmine St. & Leroy St. (addition)
- 2. **4/3/10-**Cooper Square Festival, Cooper Square bet. 5th Street & Astor Pl.
- 3. **4/17/10-**PAL Festival, (multi-block), University Pl. bet. Waverly Pl. & E. 14th St.
- 4. **4/22/10-**Annual NYU Earth Day Street Fair, Washington Pl. bet Washington Sq. East & Greene St.
- 5. **4/30/10-**Strawberry Festival-25th Annual, LaGuardia Pl. bet. Washington Sq. South & West 3rd St.
- 6. **5/2/10-**Old St. Patrick's Cathedral Annual Village Fair, (multi-block), Broadway bet. W. Houston St. & Howard St.
- 7. **5/8/10**-Perry St. Block Association, Perry St. bet. Bleecker St. & West 4th St.
- 8. **5/11/10-** NYU Grad Alley Commencement Celebration, (multi block), Washington Sq. South bet. Macdougal & Washington Sq East; Greene St. Bet. W. 4th St. & Waverly Pl.; LaGuardia Pl. bet W. 3rd & Washington Sq. South
- 9. **5/16/10**-Design New York in the Meatpacking District, Gansevoort St. bet. 9th Ave. & Washington St. (for one day only)
- 10. **6/6/10-**World Science Festival Street Festival, LaGuardia Pl. bet. Washington Sq. South & W. 3rd St.
- 11. **7/18/10**-Int. AIDS Initiative NYC Unfolds Street Fair, (multi-block), Broadway bet. Howard St. & E. Houston St.
- 12. **7/24/10**-The Children's Aid Society Washington Square Summer Fair, (multi-block), Bleecker St. bet. Broadway & 6th Ave.
- 13. **8/7/10**-Log Cabin Republicans Greenwich Village Festival, (multi-block), Greenwich Ave. bet 6th Ave. & 7th Ave.

- 14. **9/4/10**-Andrew Glover Youth Program 4th Ave. Festival, (multi-block), 4th Ave. bet. East 8th St. and East 14th St.
- 15. **9/25/10**-Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.) Broadway Autumn Fair, (multi-block), Broadway bet. Waverly Pl. & E. 14th St.
- 16. **10/9/10**-Washington Square United Methodist Church, (multi-block), West 4th St. bet. 6th Ave. & University Pl.
- 17. **11/6/10-**Ind. Downtown Republic Club University Pl. Fall Fair, (multi-block), University Pl. bet. Waverly Pl. & E. 14th St.

Vote: Passed with 36 Board members in favor, and 1 abstention (T. Bergman).

2. Conditional Support of the Figli di San Gennaro Street Activity Permit Application, (multi day, multi-block), Canal & Houston Sts. & Hester & Grand bet. Mott & Centre Sts.

Dates: 9/16-9/26

Hours of Operation: 11:30am – 11pm (Sun – Thurs) and 11:30am – 12:30am (Fri and Sat); 30 minute reductions from past years application.

Whereas, applicant was represented by Vivian Catanaccio and Mort Berkowitz; and

Whereas, this street fair has been on going for the last 80 years and is a important and cherished annual event for the residents of Little Italy; and

Whereas, the committee was furnished with a breakdown of all of the Charitable donations made and the costs associated with running the San Gennaro street fair; and

Whereas, the San Gennaro street fair provides much needed revenue to local restaurants and businesses, who are experiencing severe financial hardships during the current economic downturn; and

Whereas, the San Genarro Festival generates approximately \$800,000 in gross revenues of which \$160,000 in fees are turned over to the City of New York; and

Whereas, unlike in past years where large number of residents from the community spoke against San Gennaro (complaining of congestion, noise and a lack of police enforcement), this year only one resident showed up to complain of a certain Motion Ride in front of his building which Mort Berkowitz promised to monitor and shut down by 10pm; and

Whereas, the majority of residents from the community spoke in support of the application, citing the historical, cultural and economic value to the Little Italy community; and

Whereas, based on community friendly changes that were negotiated and implemented by the Committee and organizers, the 2009 San Gennaro festival was widely considered to be the most community friendly and incident free San Gennaro festival in decades; and

Whereas, Mort Berkowitz, the promoter for the applicant, exchanged telephone Committee members and agreed to work with them and CB#2, Man. to solve their concerns and strictly enforce all rules and regulations; and

Whereas, the committee strongly urges the 5th Police Precinct to strictly enforce all rules and regulations governing this street fair with a maximum police presence so as to minimize the impact on the residential community; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the San Gennaro street fair permit application subject to an ongoing dialogue regarding the enforcement of applicable rules and regulations governing San Gennaro, which shall take place both before and after any permit is issued, and shall include the applicant, LIMA, residents of the community, merchants, the 5th Police Precinct, SAPO, Council Member Chin's office, other local elected officials and all other relevant City agencies and that SAPO will provide a date and time certain for their dialogues to occur and notify CB#2, Man. in writing assuring SAPO's presence and coordination of these dialogues, and with the following conditions (which are subject to change based upon the ongoing discussions referenced above):

1. **Soundstage/Bandstand**: The applicant agrees to rotate the location of the soundstage/bandstand on a yearly basis so as not to inconvenience the same residents each year who are affected by the amplified sound. The location of the soundstage/bandstand each year will be determined by the applicant in consultation with CB#2, Man. and local residents. The applicant further agrees to reduce or eliminate amplified sound during periods when live performances are not taking place. The soundstage shall operate during the following hours:

Monday-Thursday5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.Friday5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.Saturday12:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.Sunday12:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- 2. **Enforcement of Rules and Regulations**: The applicant agrees to strictly enforce all rules and regulations governing the street fair, which will be discussed and clearly agreed upon during the course of the continuing dialogue between the relevant parties referenced above. The applicant further agrees to promptly investigate and respond to any complaints from CB# 2 Manhattan and/or local residents.
- 3. **Announcements**: The applicant agrees that there will be no PA announcement made at the end of the night asking vendors to shut down their stands, instead the event staff will walk the streets telling vendors to close their stands. This will reduce noise levels late at night.
- 4. **Building**: The applicant agrees that no building is to take place overnight. Vendors must comply with the DOT construction regulations.
- 5. **Oil**: The applicant agrees that for clean-up and dumping of oil, the feast will continue to require all vendors to pay a mandatory fee for an outside company to pick up the oil.
- 6. **Sidewalk cafes**: The applicant agrees that all restaurants should comply with their DCA permits and will seek to enforce any violations that take place.
- 7. **Trees**: The applicant agrees that they will respect the trees and that vendors cannot hang anything from them or dump waste/debris in the tree pits.
- 8. **Toilets**: The applicant agrees that port-a-potties will be cleaned on a regular schedule.
- 9. **Noise**: The applicant agrees that there should not be any bands walking the streets late at night and no vendors should be selling or playing tapes or CDs that are not related to the theme of the feast. The applicant further agrees that all music/radio stations should have sound permits and should comply with the regulations of those permits.
- 10. **Walkways**: The applicant agrees to mark (with tape or chalk or paint) the sidewalk for unobstructed passageways to the entrance of buildings.

11. **Setup and Breakdown**: The applicant agrees to formulate a setup and breakdown committee to monitor noise and other issues associated with the setup and breakdown of San Gennaro, which shall include a member of CB#2, Man.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

3. Conditional Support of the Little Italy Merchants Assn. Inc. ("LIMA"), Street Activity Permit Application (the "Mulberry Mall"), (multi day, multi-block), Mulberry St. bet. Canal & Broome Sts. & Hester St. bet. Mott & Mulberry Sts.

Dates:

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from May 14, 2010 through May 23, 2010 (2)

Friday, May 28, 2010 through Monday, May 31, 2010 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from June 4, 2010 through June 27, 2010-(4)

Friday, July 2, 2010 through Monday, July 5, 2010 (Independence Day Weekend)-(1)

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from July 10, 2010 through August 29, 2010-(8)

Friday, September 3, 2010 through Monday, September 6, 2010 (Labor Day Weekend)-(1)

Friday, September 10, 2010 through Sunday, September 12, 2010

TOTAL WEEKS: 18

Hours:

Monday - 11:30 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. (Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day Weekends)

Fridays – 5:30 p.m. through 12:00 midnight

Saturday - 11:30 a.m. through 12:00 midnight Sunday - 11:30 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. only after July 4, 2010

Sunday - 11:30 a.m. through 12:00 midnight (Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day Weekends)

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee with his attorney and various members of the LIMA organization; and

Whereas, according to LIMA, the Mulberry Mall began as a tourist attraction in 1996 to attract shoppers and diners to the community, and serves to promote and enhance the interaction between the Italian and Chinese communities, culminating in an East meets West holiday parade promoting brotherhood; and

Whereas, numerous restaurant owners stated that they are experiencing severe financial hardship during this economic downturn and without the revenue generated by the Mulberry Mall would face the prospect of going out of business; and

Whereas, Mort Berkowitz, the promoter for the applicant, exchanged telephone numbers with Committee members and agreed to work with them and CB#2, Man. to solve their concerns and strictly enforce all rules and regulations; and

Whereas, all of the residents from the community spoke in support of the application citing the historical, cultural and economic value to the Little Italy community; and

Whereas, unlike past years, due to vast improvements in the organization of the Mulberry Mall, not a single member of the community showed up in opposition of the application and the Committee praises the applicant and organizers for working with the Committee and community to improve the Mulberry Mall and for making it a far more community friendly event; and

Whereas, the committee strongly urges the 5th Police Precinct to strictly enforce all rules and regulations governing this street fair with a maximum police presence so as to minimize the impact on the residential community; and

Whereas, CB#2, Man. asks assurance that the dates as specified in this resolution not be expanded in any by SAPO; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the Mulberry Mall street fair permit application subject to an ongoing dialogue regarding the enforcement of applicable rules and regulations governing this street fair, which shall take place both before and after any permit is issued, and shall include the applicant, LIMA, residents of the community, merchants, the 5th Police Precinct, SAPO, Council Member Chins's office, other local elected officials and all other relevant City agencies, and with the following conditions (which are subject to change based upon the ongoing discussions referenced above):

- 1. **Income and Expenses**: The applicant agrees to provide an Income and Expense statement to the committee.
- 2. **Community Meetings during the Street Fair**: The applicant agrees to hold a minimum of three community meetings during the course of the street fair to address any concerns raised by the community.
- 3. **Weekend Closing Time**: The applicant agrees to close the street fair at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays at stated in its application, which is a one hour reduction from last year's request.
- 4. **Enforcement of Rules and Regulations**: The applicant agrees to strictly enforce all rules and regulations governing the street fair, which will be discussed and clearly agreed upon during the course of the continuing dialogue between the relevant parties referenced above. The applicant further agrees to promptly investigate and respond to any complaints from CB# 2 Manhattan and/or local residents.
- 5. **Tables/Vendors**: The applicant agrees that more effective enforcement by LIMA, SAPO, and the 5th precinct is needed, including assigning police who are familiar with the area and concerns of the community to enforce the rules and regulations governing the street fair.
- 6. **Walkways**: The applicant agrees to mark (with tape or chalk or paint) the sidewalk for unobstructed passageways to the entrance of buildings.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

1. Resolution requesting traffic safety measures at the Bleecker & Grove Sts. intersection.

Whereas vehicular traffic on Bleecker St., heading from Christopher St. to 7th Ave. South (both with traffic lights) becomes backed up across the Grove St. (without a traffic light) intersection; and

Whereas the backed up vehicles block both the crosswalks and the intersection, hindering pedestrian passage across the street and preventing vehicular turning movements from Bleecker onto Grove and from Grove onto Bleecker, all accompanied by excessive horn honking; and

Whereas this backup leads to vehicles cutting in, threatening pedestrian safety and access and increasing the potential for vehicular conflicts; and

Whereas representatives from both the residential and business community report that a number of bicycle, motor vehicle and motorcycle crashes have occurred at this location, including a very recent one in which a bike rider broke both legs; and

Whereas the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) is embarking on a study of Bleecker St., Houston St. and the Bowery, which will include Grove St.;

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB#2, Man. requests that DOT investigate this untenable backup situation at the Bleecker St./Grove St. intersection and install improvements to both regulate the progression of vehicular traffic and provide for greater pedestrian safety, giving particular consideration to:

- an all way stop light *or*
- an all way stop sign.
- zebra (high visibility) crosswalks.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2. Resolution recommending adding the Canal St. corridor where the sidewalk interfaces with the subway entrances for the #6, J, M, Z, N, Q, R, W to the NYC Department of Transportation "Safe Routes to Transit" program.

Whereas Canal St. is a major MTA-NYC Transit hub, which provides an indirect or direct link (via: #6, J, M, Z, N, Q, W, R, A, C, E, and #1 subways) to every metropolitan transit line and includes some of the few handicap access elevators to the subway, at the #6 train, both north and southbound stations, at Lafayette St.; and

Whereas Canal St. is the only major thoroughfare in Manhattan lacking any cross-town public transportation, and walking is the predominant mode to reach destinations along this corridor, therefore necessitating safe, convenient and easy to navigate routes for pedestrian passage to access the subway; and

Whereas Canal St. is a major vehicular traffic corridor including commercial truck routes, and the Port Authority has lifted the ban on eastbound truck traffic through the Holland Tunnel, thereby adding additional commercial vehicular traffic to this already congested street and making it even more difficult than it is already for pedestrians to cross and reach subway entrances; and

Whereas Canal St. is a vibrant and popular commercial and retail corridor, with a proliferation of both legal and illegal vending activities including food carts, over-sized sidewalk displays, vending tables, suitcase peddlers, and vending touts luring customers to vans and other sites to purchase counterfeit goods, all contributing to overly crowded sidewalks and general mayhem, forcing pedestrians off the sidewalk into the street and obstructing and endangering pedestrian access to the subway; and

Whereas the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has examined accident histories across the city and has identified an area that encompasses a large portion of Canal St. as having both a high density of senior citizens and a high number of pedestrian accidents and injuries and has included it as a focus area in its Safe Street for Seniors Program, therefore DOT is aware of and has identified areas of Canal St. as hazardous for pedestrians; and

Whereas DOT has created the Safe Routes to Transit Program whose goal is to "improve pedestrian and motor vehicle movement around subway entrances and bus stops to make accessing mass transit easier and more convenient," to "encourage more walking and transit use, less traffic and cleaner air"; and

Whereas the Safe Routes to Transit program includes a Subway/Sidewalk Interface (SSI) portion which recognizes that "safe and convenient access to subway stations is essential to the mobility of New Yorkers," and the Canal St. corridor where the sidewalk interfaces with the subway entrances for the #6, J, M, Z, N, Q, R, and W trains (both along the sidewalk and at the corners) is exceedingly congested, endangering pedestrians and barring their passage;

Therefore be it resolved that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends that DOT add the Canal St. corridor to its Safe Routes to Transit Program, specifically, the Subway/Sidewalk Interface (SSI) part of the program, with particular focus on access to the #6 train station at Lafayette St., including the handicap access elevators, and access to the J, M, Z, and N, Q, R and W train stations along and abutting Canal Street between Mercer and Lafayette Sts.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

3. Resolution supporting revision of Community Board 2 Manhattan Street Co-Naming Guidelines.

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. receives many requests for co-naming streets for lives that may be worthy of celebrating and memorializing, but very few can have streets co-named after them, and most would be better served by plaques on buildings, trees planted, and other kinds of recognition; and

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. has received considerable input from the community in objection to co-naming local streets, which people feel adds both unnecessary and inappropriate clutter and confusion and often concerns people or entities with very little or no connection and contribution to the community, pointing to a need to tighten up CB2's existing Street Co-Naming Guidelines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. resolves to adopt the revised "Community Board 2 Manhattan Street Co-Naming Guidelines" that are appended herewith.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2 MANHATTAN STREET CO-NAMING GUIDELINES

Revised February 9, 2010 by the Traffic and Transportation Committee Approved by the Full Board

Community Board No. 2 Manhattan has traditionally recommended denial of most street co-naming applications. These revised Street Co-Naming Guidelines are intended to further clarify Community Board 2 Manhattan's policy opposing this use of public space for private use except in extraordinary cases.

- **A.** Community Board No. 2 Manhattan typically will recommend denial of any street co-naming application unless compelling evidence is provided of <u>all</u> of the following:
- 1. The person or entity proposed for the co-naming must have contributed in some extraordinary way to the block and/or the community.
- 2. The person or entity must have had a longstanding direct presence and relationship with the community in the vicinity of the proposed co-naming and a special significance for the block.
- 3. The proposed co-naming must have the support of a substantial number of residents of the block in consideration and significant support from the surrounding community.
- 4. The person proposed for the co-naming must have died more than two years prior to the initiation of the co-naming.
- 3. A community group or member of the community must initiate the co-naming process.
- 6. Objections by family members to the co-naming must be considered.
- 7. A one-page information sheet about the person or entity must be presented to the Community Board with the request, specifying the reasons why that block should be so co-named.
- **B.** Simply meeting the above criteria does not automatically assure a recommendation of approval of an application, as the Community Board reserves the right to recommend denial of applications based on other criteria such as context, visual clutter or proliferation.
- **C.** Community Board No. 2 Manhattan typically will recommend denial of any street co-naming application under the following conditions:
- 1. Applications for street co-namings that promote commercial activity and benefit in any way.
- 2. Applications for signs to memorialize victims of accidents or disasters, unless also meeting the criteria in paragraphs A-1 through A-7 above.

Applications for more than one sign for any person or entity, or for more than one street co-name sign on any individual signpost.

4. Resolution opposing MTA-NYC Transit Bus Service Reductions in District 2 Manhattan.

Whereas MTA-NYC Transit (NYCT) is proposing extreme service reductions that will severely impact the ability of New York City's population to travel around the city and access their crucial destinations in a safe, usable and convenient manner; and

Whereas several of these draconian cuts would harshly curtail local bus service within the CB#2, Man. area, including:

Discontinuing M8 weekend and overnight bus service on a route that is critical at all times (and important in connecting with several north-south routes), particularly for riders who have difficulty walking long distances or climbing stairs (which they would have to do to access alternative cross town routes), either because of age, disability or young children;

Moving the uptown M3 bus from 9th St. and University Pl. to 4th Ave., especially penalizing those least able to walk further from the present central location, such as older people and those with infirmities, by creating a redundant route duplicating the M2 for NYCT's expressed purpose of "streamlining" (when serving people's needs should be the utmost concern);

Cutting back hours on the M20, thereby reducing the only service available on a heavily used corridor;

Discontinuing all M6 service and discontinuing or moving portions of M1 service, thereby curtailing service down Broadway, as well as on northbound routes; and

Whereas these service reductions will withhold vital transportation access not only from those people who are unable to use other alternatives because of physical limitations but also from those who cannot afford other more expensive alternatives like taxi cabs, and from all those who depend on these services to transport them regularly to work, school, medical, professional and social appointments, essential shopping and other necessary life activities; and

Whereas diminishment of these public transportation services so necessary to the CB2 community and New York City life would engender reduced use, leading to NYCT revenue loss and economic harm to businesses; and

Whereas New York City, as exemplified by PLANYC 2030, is increasingly embracing policies that emphasize use of transportation modes that are alternative to private motor vehicular use, including buses and other public transit, to achieve a cleaner, more sustainable environment, more comfort and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, a healthier and more economical life style for New Yorkers, and time and money savings through less street congestion, and the proposed transit service reductions are counter to these policies;

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB#2, Man. strongly opposes these onerous service reductions and urges that the State and City look to utilize all available resources in order to assure there retention of these essential transit services.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

WATERFRONT

Hudson River Park Budget

Whereas, Hudson River Park's current construction projects can only continue in fiscal year 2010-2011 if it receives \$6 million in capital funding from both the City and the State,

Whereas, the City has committed to put up to \$11 million into the park during that period, but will only match the State contribution;

Whereas, the Governor has proposed only to commit \$3 million to Hudson River Park Construction in his proposed budget;

Whereas, CB#2, Man. considers the continued construction of the Park to be a public need of the highest order,

Therefore be it resolved that CB#2, Man. shall send a letter supporting a \$6 million allocation of capital funds to Hudson River Park for FY 2010-2011 to the Governor, Speaker Silver and the top Democratic leaders in the Senate.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

ZONING AND HOUSING

1. 102 Greene Street, (Block 499 Lot 6) ULURP # 080260ZSM, City Planning Special Permit Application by 102 Greene Street Realty LLC, Pursuant to §74-711 of the New York City Zoning Resolution to modify the use and bulk and to reconstruct the fourth and fifth floors of the existing building and add a penthouse. The first floor will contain a Use Group 6 retail use and a lobby. The remainder of the building will contain joint living-work quarters for artists Use Group 17D. Located in an M1-5A district.

WHEREAS, the surrounding area was posted and there was no community opposition to this application, And,

WHEREAS, The restoration of the building will be a welcome addition to the streetscape and will be of high quality, And,

WHEREAS, The requested bulk modification is appropriate for this historic district, And,

WHEREAS, The proposed usage is consistent and compatible with the other uses in the surrounding buildings and will have no adverse impacts on the neighborhood,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. is satisfied that the applicant has met the requirements for this special permit,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. supports this City Planning Special Permit Application Pursuant to §74-711 of the New York City Zoning Resolution to modify the use and bulk and to reconstruct the fourth and fifth floors of the existing building and add a penthouse.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2. 38-50 Cooper Square New Private Upper School GRACE CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL for Grades 9-12 (Block 544 Lot 38) Board of Standards and Appeals Application on behalf of Cooper Square Associates Owner, and the Board of Trustees of Grace Church School, as lessee, pursuant to Section 73-19 of the Zoning Resolution for a special permit in connection with an existing building's change of use for a New Upper School.

WHEREAS, the surrounding area was posted and there was no community opposition to this application, And,

WHEREAS, the overcrowding of local schools is well documented and this school is clearly needed, And

WHEREAS, the transportation issues for the new school were recognized and were professionally analyzed and a reasonable plan has been proposed to accommodate the students as well as the neighborhood, And

WHEREAS, The usage is compatible with the other uses in the surrounding buildings and will have no adverse impacts on the neighborhood,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. is satisfied that the applicant has met the requirements for this special permit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. welcomes the addition of this new school and strongly supports this application for a Board of Standards and Appeals Application pursuant to Section 73-19 of the Zoning Resolution for a special permit in connection with an existing building's change of use for a New Upper School.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Call for Permanent Funding of Comprehensive 9/11 Medical Programs Which Include a Community Program

WHEREAS, many responders and New York residents, local workers, and students, including children, suffer from chronic and debilitating health problems as a result of breathing the toxic dust, smoke and fumes released in the World Trade Center (WTC) disaster, and

WHEREAS, as a candidate, then-Senator Barack Obama declared his support for HR 847, the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which would create an entitlement to care for WTC responders and residents, students and local workers with 9/11-related illnesses, and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2010, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius stated that the Obama Administration cannot now support the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act which would federally fund 9/11 health programs through mandatory spending, with the result that, at best, those programs would be forced to rely solely on discretionary funding which must be renewed and approved annually; and,

WHEREAS, the New York Congressional Delegation responded to the subsequent announcement by the Obama administration that it was appropriating \$150 million for the 9/11 health programs for FY 2011, by reminding the Obama administration that "The terrorist attacks were attacks on the entire country, and there is still an urgent need for a longtime federal commitment to address their health impacts. An increase in appropriations—even one as significant as this -- is not the same as long-term federal legislation," and

WHEREAS, without the long-term federal commitment of mandatory spending, 9/11 treatment programs will be subject to political whim and may not provide WTC-specialized care to responders and the community for as long as it is needed; nor will those programs have the dedicated funding they require to ensure continuity of monitoring, treatment and long-term research to understand 9/11-related illnesses and develop more effective treatments, and

WHEREAS, a substantial and growing body of peer-reviewed studies demonstrate that the key risk factors for developing 9/11-related illness --"dust cloud exposures, working longer at the WTC site, not evacuating homes and experiencing a heavy layer of dust in homes or offices," -- are shared across all exposed groups, from responders to area children. Likewise, many studies have found similar physical and mental health effects among responders and Lower Manhattan residents, students and office workers, and

WHEREAS, we cannot accept the notion that civilians targeted in the WTC attacks who are now sick or who may have died are or were less needful or deserving of health care for their 9/11-related illnesses than first responders, and

WHEREAS, in a January 22, 2010 Letter to US Representatives Carolyn Maloney and Jerrold Nadler, New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver expressed his concern regarding possible attempts to eliminate or diminish the Community Program in the upcoming markup of the 9/11 health bill, and further stated "As a nation, we must not break faith with the survivors of 9/11, who courageously resolved to rebuild their lives and our community in the face of the worst terrorist attack in American history," calling on Reps. Maloney and Nadler to "do everything in your power to protect the Community Program, which is a resource vital to the health of Lower Manhattan residents and to ensure that its scope, quality and level of support are preserved, and

WHEREAS, in the course of negotiations over the bill in the House Subcommittee, the 9/11 Community Program has already undergone major reductions to which CB#2, Man. has objected (December 21, 2009 Letter to the City Council), including the imposition of a cap to the number of new treatment slots that falls disproportionately on the community, and the restriction of the geographic catchment area from the Community Program's current boundary at 14th Street to Houston Street, despite peer reviewed evidence demonstrating serious health impacts in people who live and work between Houston and 14 Streets. (Reibman, et al. 2009 http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2756680/), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. calls on the President to support full federal funding for 9/11 medical programs that will guarantee health care to all those who are sick with 9/11-related illnesses under a mandatory spending mechanism that will in addition, fund monitoring and research to reach an effective standard of care for 9/11-related illness manifesting now and in the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. calls on the Congress to entertain <u>no further cuts to the Community Program</u>, but to ensure that the long-overdue federal response to the 9/11 health crisis reaches all affected people by providing an entitlement to care for the community as well as responders, with one standard of care at all 9/11 medical programs, including one list of covered conditions, that will address the real range and true scope of the 9/11 health impacts to the community, as well as to responders.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2. Resolution Concerning the Future of St. Vincent's Hospital

WHEREAS, there is widespread concern in the community about the possible changes in the services provided by St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village. A hospital must stay open downtown, providing vital health care services to the community. Doing away with Emergency Room and in-patient services is an unacceptable solution for the residents of Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, St. Vincent's has been facing some financial hardships and that the New York State Department of Health (DOH) will soon be reviewing various options for restructuring St. Vincent's Hospital—including bringing on new affiliates. If the decision to restructure the hospital is based solely on short-term financial needs, it will fail to account for the full ramifications these decisions have on the lives and safety of Manhattan's residents; and

WHEREAS, for over 160 years, St. Vincent's Hospital has provided emergency care and a full range of health care services to residents of Greenwich Village and all of Lower Manhattan. St. Vincent's mission is not just important to its local community, but also to the entire city. It is currently the only Emergency Room serving neighborhoods from Midtown to Downtown. Losing it would be devastating to the local community, and in the event of a catastrophe like 9/11, would endanger the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man., strongly urges DOH Commissioner Richard Daines, Governor Paterson, all of our local elected officials and stakeholders to base any decision to restructure St. Vincent's Hospital on a full assessment of the community's health care needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. believes any plan for restructuring should happen only after the DOH and the community have a full understanding of the potential impacts on Manhattan's health system as a whole. It is crucial that Lower Manhattan have an acute healthcare facility with a 24-hour, 365 day per year emergency room; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. strongly believes that the State should postpone any final decisions on the plan until it has the opportunity to fully understand the impact it will have on essential healthcare service for the community, making sure there is no threat to vital healthcare access.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kent, Secretary Community Board #2, Manhattan